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UNEXPECTED

Christine Talbert
Reporter

A national growing trend of pregnancy in women ages 15-19 years has risen over three percent over 2005-2006. An article in the Washington Post reported the pregnancy rate among teen girls in the United States has risen for the first time in over a decade.

The report comes as Congress might consider restoring federal funding to sex-education programs that focus on abstinence. The Obama administration eliminated more than \$150 million in funds for such groups over the past year; however, it is now launching a \$110 million pregnancy prevention initiative focused

on programs with proven effectiveness after seeing results of the pregnancy rate of women in the U.S. younger than 20 up three percent.

Director of the University's Women's Center, Mary Kruger said she supports Obama's decision to cut abstinence-only education.

"The federal government funded the abstinence-only education throughout the 2000s and that was proved ineffective," she said. "For me, taking away funding for a program that clearly has been ineffective is a good decision. The Obama administration's actions to fund

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USG discusses collective bargaining vote

By Rose Schneider
Reporter

Faculty collective bargaining and Time Warner Cable contract expiration were among the top issues discussed yesterday at the Undergraduate Student Government weekly meeting.

Guest speaker David Jackson, the faculty association president, explained how the University's faculty are wanting to have an election to vote on collective bargaining; which is simply that the faculty will become unionized.

"We here at Bowling Green State University made a decision last summer when I was elected president of the organization to pursue collective bargaining to attempt to become a union that negotiates contracts on behalf of the professors," said Jackson.

Jackson said 30 percent of the 815 faculty members on campus must sign a card saying they want an election to union-



Sundeep Mutgi
USG President

ize. However, Jackson said the BGSUFA did not feel that 30 percent was enough, because they wanted a significant majority of the faculty and are now very close to 60 percent in favor of an election.

"We are certain of the fact that the Bowling Green State University faculty want an election on collective bargaining," Jackson said.

One of the main reasons the BGSUFA is encouraging collective bargaining is so the faculty will be able to potentially have higher salaries.

"Right now there is a crisis among the faculty at BGSU that's been generated for a number of years," Jackson said. "For

at least 12 or 13 years, BGSU has been near the bottom in terms of salary for professors in the state of Ohio. The three and a half percent tuition increase was not to increase faculty salaries, so there is no inherent relationship between higher tuition and higher faculty pay."

In addition to the discussion of faculty collective bargaining, President Sundeep Mutgi gave an update regarding the up-and-coming shuttle fee.

"An update, as far as the shuttle fee goes, we have our full committee," said Mutgi.

Mutgi said the committee will get together to talk about complaints, as well as figure out what graduate students should pay.

The University's contract with Time Warner Cable was also an important issue brought up by

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Healthy Living | Part 1 of 3

Editors Note: This story represents the first in a series looking at health and fitness at the University. Today we look at how to stay physically fit while at college, while the next two stories will discuss mental and nutritional health.

Students should study up for a healthy lifestyle

By Alissa Widman
Reporter

While some freshman are cringing at the thought of gaining the infamous "freshman 15," freshman Allie Gehres is confident she can conquer the stereotype and improve her physical health while attending the University.

"For me, [college had] the opposite effect because I made the choice to work out when I can," she said. "I go to the Rec between four to five times a week and work out at least forty minutes to an hour depending on my schedule for the day."

Gehres said she is making the decision to improve her health

with exercise and she believes, in general, most University students are physically fit.

"You have to walk everywhere if you don't have a car, or even to get to class," she said.

Associate Director of Recreation and Wellness Cathy Swick said if a student begins and maintains a physically active lifestyle they can prevent weight gain during college, as well as a myriad of other chronic health concerns associated with the health-related myths of the college lifestyle.

According to Swick, the

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RYAN PIROG | THE BG NEWS

AB TONING: Students taking part in abs class Monday night. One way to maintain a healthy lifestyle is to have a daily exercise routine.

Foreign language education helps students to not get lost in translation

By Angela Green
Reporter

Many students have difficulty learning a foreign language in college, but imagine going to a university where all the classes are taught in a foreign language.

Here at the University, there are several international students who come to the United States to get an undergraduate or graduate degree but speak little to no English. This is where the Bowling Green Language Institute steps in to help, with the English as a Second Language Program (ESL).

"BGLI is not affiliated with the University," said John Buckingham, a 2009 graduate

and ESL instructor, "but it has contracts with students to teach them English and send them to the University. They are students of BGLI because their language skills are not good enough to go to the University so we teach them English."

The program has been in place at the University since the 1980s.

"We're here to serve the growing international student population," said Kate Spike, director of ESL at the University. "More and more [international] students were being recruited to Bowling Green and they needed help with academic skills to be

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PLETHORA OF POSTERS



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THE SEARCH BEGINS: Freshmen Amber Hurst, Kerry Keys and Sophomore Stephanie Loomis look through posters at the poster sale in the Union Multi Purpose Room.

HEALTH

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American College of Sports Medicine recommends students be physically active for a half-hour daily to maintain health, combining cardiovascular, strength and flexibility exercises.

"Time management is a challenge many students face in college. However, by setting aside a minimum of 30 minutes daily to devote to their health and well-being, students will feel better physically and help stay mentally sharp," Swick said.

Sophomore Melissa Snively said she thinks it may be difficult for some University students to find time for exercise while balancing classes, work and student organizations, but she has made the necessary sacrifices to work out on the elliptical machines at the Student Recreation Center at least three days per week.

"I usually work out at night since I have classes during the day and that's the only way I fit exercising into my schedule," Snively said. "You have to be motivated. If you're not, that's when it gets difficult. I probably don't get as much sleep on

the weekends as most college students do, but it's something that I choose to give up in order to work out and get my school work done."

The Recreation and Wellness department tracks approximately 1,500 students using the Rec center on a daily basis, Swick said, which is a sign that many University students are getting adequate exercise. For students who wish to further their physical health, Swick recommended activities like intramurals, sports clubs, ice skating, outdoor trips, swimming and personal training, all provided by the Recreation and Wellness department.

"In the group exercise program we currently offer yoga, pilates ... tai chi, turbokick and ab-solute 30 classes led by certified college students," she said. "[Or while] on campus, take the stairs, walk to class and participate in activities where you are physically moving."

Lynn Darby, interim director of the School of Human Movement, Sports and Leisure Studies, said students need to explore the opportunities on campus and take advantage of them, because there is much available to them that they are probably unaware of.

"...from my experience, it's actually doing it and being motivated..."

Lynn Darby | Director

"Then, from my experience, it's actually doing it and being motivated to stick with it," Darby said. "In college, people typically think of academics and not physical activity. And now that we know where that's gotten us, we need to get everyone more active."

Darby said the University offers many general physical education classes (nicknamed "PEG" classes) for students, including bowling, hockey and golf. These classes count toward one academic credit and include instruction in physical activity.

"I think these should be a part of the undergraduate experience," Darby said, "and I tell my students that the [other] things they get on campus for free, the people in the general public are paying hundreds of dollars for. They need to take a break from studying to exercise their bodies, as well as their minds."

PREGNANT

From Page 1

comprehensive programs that have proved to be effective is something I support."

Bowling Green Pregnancy Center Executive Director Megan Hayward said the center was created especially for women with unplanned pregnancies, and was thought to be an asset to the community, as well as the University.

Hayward could not comment on whether the BGPC had a similar trend in teen pregnancies during the past couple years as the rest of the nation did, but mentioned some reasoning behind their clientele being lower than it was in the 1990s.

"In the early 1990s, women normally went to the doctor to find out if they were pregnant or not, and we are an alternative to that, but nowadays you can buy pregnancy tests from the dollar store," she said. "I can say that last year we had 550 clients come into the center."

The Bowling Green Pregnancy Center is a non-profit organization created in 1985 and offers services such as ultrasounds, peer counseling, adoption referrals, support and more. The idea for the pregnancy center was created by a group of individuals who decided it would be beneficial to the city.

"All of our funding comes from donations from businesses in the city and not by the government. This year, we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary," Hayward said.

Senior Allison Watlers used the services of BGPC when she became pregnant during her freshman year at the University.

"It was difficult [being pregnant]," she said. "I had to miss a lot of classes my fall semester to go to the appointments needed."

Walters said BGPC was "mostly older women" and the center made her feel uncomfortable. However, she recommended the center over Planned Parenthood.

"[BGPC] was cleaner, more secure, safe and more confidential," she said. "They were really good with walk-ins. They let you bring as many people as you want to feel comfortable."

According to the BGPC Web site, free pregnancy tests are offered. Pregnancy tests are fast, over 99% accurate and the results are strictly confidential. Tests detect the pregnancy hormone 7 to 10 days after conception. The client will be asked to fill out a short form of general information, asked for a urine sample and then will perform the test herself with the help of a peer counselor. Pregnancy test results are known in four minutes. At that time there may be some discussion about alternatives and ways that BGPC can be of assistance.

Clients are offered the opportunity to develop a supportive relationship with one of the BGPC's trained volun-

"I can say that last year we had 550 clients come into the center."

Megan Hayward | Center Director

teen counselors. A counselor will continue to meet with the client as often as they wish during and after pregnancy. All counselors are female and help in a variety of ways including emotional support, budgeting, suggestions on how to break the news to friends and family, birth coaching and help in practicing healthy relationships, Hayward said.

"We have a program here called 'Earn While You Learn' which is a parenting program for moms who may not have the support otherwise," Hayward said. "During this, moms can earn needed products such as car seats and cribs."

Other services the center provides include medical care, such as referrals for an ob-gyns in Bowling Green, adoption referrals and support to women and men making plans, referral to an agency or lawyer to make an adoption and post-abortion support to those who have been through an abortion experience.

For more information, go to the BGPC Web site at BGPC.org, call 419-354-4673, or visit the center, located at 441 Frazee Avenue, on the corner of Frazee and North Enterprise.

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BLOTTER

SAT., JAN. 30

2:16 A.M.
Andrew McCormack, of Orchard, NY, and Caitlin Heraghty, of Aurora, Ohio, were cited for underage, under the influence at Founders.

SUN., JAN. 31

2:27 P.M.
Catherine Pioli, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for theft/shoplifting within the 100th block of W. Gypsy Lane.

3:43 P.M.
Esmeralda Getz, 36, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal

trespassing within the 100th block of W. Gypsy Lane.

8:59 P.M.
Jeremy Skiles, 38, of Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence within the 300th block of S. Church St.

10:48 P.M.
Resident within the 800th block of N. Enterprise St. was warned for disorderly conduct/loud voice.

11:07 P.M.
Alison Dulinski, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage possession of alcohol within the 800th N. Enterprise St.

11:12 P.M.
Individual reported sometime during

the previous evening unknown subjects stole a red felt sombrero within the 400th block of E. Wooster St.

MON., FEB. 1

1:24 A.M.
Individual who was too intoxicated to make it home from Taco Bell was driven home.

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Happy Badger offers rare products, food, music, art

By Nicole Celebrezze
Reporter

A local Bowling Green store derives its name from a Native American experience that has great sentimental meaning to its owners.

Alan Cohen, owner of the Happy Badger, traveled around the world spreading the word of the "new age movement." He was given the spiritual name "Happy Badger" as a result of taking part in a Native American spiritual sweat circle in 1976. Thirty years later, in 2006, Alan and his wife Donna extended the name to the store they opened on Main Street, The Happy Badger.

The store offers a wide variety of Fair Trade products, as well as a predominantly organic café which opened in December of last year.

"It is very creative, there is nothing in town like it," Alan said.

The Happy Badger Café picks up all of their pastries from Zingerman's Bakery in Ann Arbor, one of the top five bakeries in the country. Customers who enjoy the café's pastries have the option to join the store's Food Club of Delicious, which allows customers to list what they want from Zingerman's Bakery. The Cohens will then pick up the customer's request when they make their weekly trip to the bakery in Ann Arbor, which Alan said customers really appreciate.

The café's dairy comes from Calder Dairy and Farm, which has been around since 1946.

Sarah, the daughter of Alan and Donna, is a big help around the store. With Sarah's idea of "make tea, not war," the store offers their own line of over forty different



MOCHA: Junior Lindsay Kay prepares an organic dark chocolate mocha at the Happy Badger café on Monday night. Kay said the store's new café is different, but still retains the Happy Badger's old charm. "Everyone always loved the Happy Badger but now it's new and improved," Kay said.

kinds of teas to customers.

She said the atmosphere has a "make yourself at home" feel and also offers wireless Internet.

The Happy Badger offers 64 kinds of incense, as well as handmade jewelry and Fair Trade clothing. Sarah does all of the ordering for the store, and she said she likes the fact people can come in and find things no one else in town will have.

University student Olivia Quinn said she enjoys going to the store because of their unique merchandise.

"The people that work there make the atmosphere enjoyable," Quinn said.

Every Friday at 6 p.m., The Happy Badger has "open mic night," which Sarah runs. If anyone is interested in playing their music, all they need to do

is call to reserve a spot.

This Saturday, the shop will hold its "artist of the month event" and will feature art from University student Eric Peterson. The store gives students or anyone in the community the opportunity to bring in their art and have an open gallery to sell their work. The Happy Badger is happy to do this for any inspiring artists.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, look out for the Happy Badger's "love-themed" display that will offer chocolates, candles, jewelry and much more.

"Happy Badger ... Where the love is," Sarah said as she smiled.

The Happy Badger is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Newlove, Sorrells awarded for city service

By Christine Talbert
Reporter

Previous city council members Larry Sorrells and Megan Newlove were honored for their time serving the city during last night's city council meeting.

Newlove served city council from Jan. 1, 2004 through Dec. 31, 2009, and served as president of the board starting Feb. 2006. Current city council president John Zanfardino honored Newlove with a plaque for her leadership on the council for the past five years.

"Megan Newlove consistently demonstrated leadership and her abilities were manifested through solid approaches during difficult fiscal times," he said. "Her determination and commitment, as well as her legal background significantly enhanced the betterment of the community."

After thanking the new council for her award, Newlove took

her seat next to a friend who asked her what she plans on doing now that she is no longer on the council. Newlove smiled and whispered back, "I wouldn't mind sticking around a little while longer; I'm still coming every first and third Monday of the month."

Former Member At Large Larry Sorrells was given a similar plaque for his time serving the council, starting Jan. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009. President Zanfardino thanked Sorrells and said he [Sorrells] always kept his constituents in mind when making tough decisions that affected the community during his three years on city council.

"Larry consistently demonstrated thoughtful judgment and decision making, especially those that affected his constituents directly," said Zanfardino. "His comprehensive analysis of problems was recognized and spent a great deal of time working industriously during difficult fiscal times: A noteworthy and

"This has truly been the highlight of my career."

Larry Sorrells | Recipient

effective advocate for the city of Bowling Green."

Sorrells took a moment to make a nostalgic acceptance speech for his recognition award.

"It has really been a highlight to run and be elected by my community to serve on this council," he said. "God bless those that are on council now and to the citizens of the community and everyone here tonight, this has truly been the highlight of my career."

After recognizing the two previous members, council voted on 17 ordinances and two resolutions and adjourned before their executive session closed to the public.

CITY BRIEF

Former director found guilty of stealing University property

Denise Hook, former director of the animal facility in the University's biology department, pleaded guilty to first-degree misdemeanor charges of receiving stolen property and euthanizing without a license on Friday.

Hook, 40, of Weston, Ohio, was indicted on three counts of receiving stolen property, two counts of theft and one count of euthanizing without a license or certificate. One count of stolen property was reduced to a misdemeanor. The remaining theft and stolen property charges were dismissed.

Dave Kiemeyer, senior communications director for Marketing and Communications at the University,

said Hook's employment was terminated in May for performance reasons and violating University policies. He would not reveal the specific policy violated.

According to court records, the stolen property Hook was indicted for, including the drugs ketamine and pentobarbital, belonged to the University. The final reduced charge of receiving stolen property contains no reference to any specific drugs.

Her original sentence of six months in jail was reduced to 90 days of electronic home monitoring and one year of probation.

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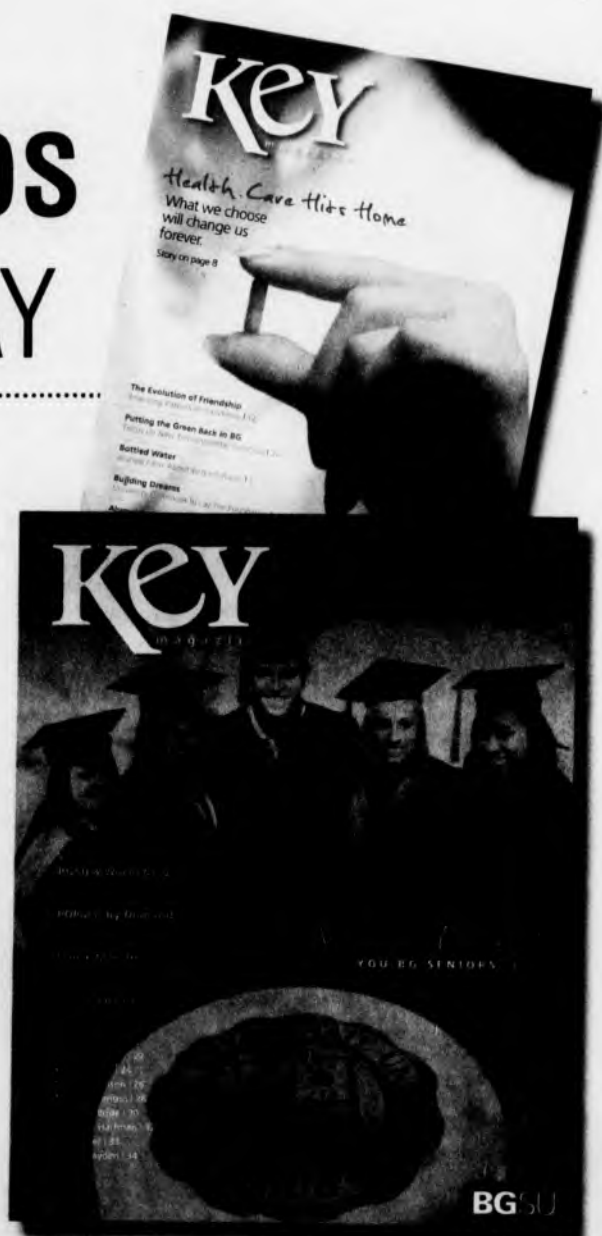
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"I usually work out at night since I have classes during the day and that's the only way I fit exercising into my schedule. You have to be motivated. If you're not, that's when it gets difficult."
— Sophomore Melissa Snively on keeping fit [see story, p. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could steal anything from the University, what would you steal?



"The squirrels."

KAITLYNN SONI,
Sophomore,
Psychology



"A nice fountain pen."

RYAN LASECKI,
Junior,
Geography



"All the textbooks."

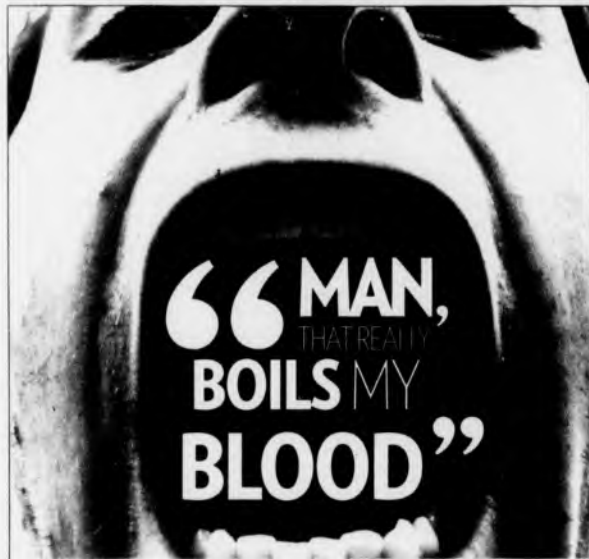
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THE BG NEWS PRESENTS FALCON SCREECH

Dear BGSU, I hate how employees leave their University vehicles idling outside buildings. I can't tell you how many times I've walked past an idling vehicle, wondering why I'm paying for that. It's bad for the environment as well. If I have to park my car a million miles away from campus and walk back later to a chilly car, why can't maintenance workers who park like two feet away from a building just turn off their vehicles? Why am I paying for trucks to sit and idle outside?
— IDLING AWAY

I love when I am in class and the girl sitting next to me is texting and chatting with friends on her laptop. I'm trying to learn, but all I can hear is the awful clicking noise coming from her stupid keyboard on her phone and laptop. She clearly is oblivious to the fact that everyone stares at her with the "Will you stop that?" look on their faces. ALSO, if you wear winter boots or ugly, overpriced Uggs when walking, stop dragging them on the ground. It's extremely annoying and you sound like a 5,000 pound elephant.
— BALTO

Would it kill the University to reset the clocks in Olscamp so they are no longer two minutes slow?
— WATCHMAN

Why is it that almost every night there is a Cavaliers game on I cannot find it on TV? Off campus they are on, but on campus they are not. Instead, the Blue Jackets are on. Why? There is no way that there are more Blue Jackets fans on campus than Cavaliers fans. Put the Cavs on!
— CAVALIERS FAN

Although this has been said before, it bears repeating. The computers in various buildings are not your personal computers. If someone is waiting for a computer, get the hell off Farmville. I'm talking to you, assthat in Olscamp on Wednesday with the blue Michigan hat. The world isn't going to end if you don't harvest your stupid fake crops.
— GET OFF FARMVILLE

Nothing is more frightening than those awful, shrill, robotic female voices that greet you at gas station pumps and self-checkout lines at the supermarket. "To begin, please scan your first item," she commands, as though I haven't done this a million times. "Please take your receipt. Thank you for shopping at Meijer," she says as sincerely as HAL 9000. I am a functional, capable human being and I don't need these evil machines. At least put a mute button on them so I don't feel like I'm living in some dystopian, Orwellian hellscape.
— WINSTON BOWMAN

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Supreme Court's ruling on corporate donations is nothing more than court-approved bribery

By Christine Amarantus,
The Daily Titan
(Cal State Fullerton)
The College News Network

Do you remember when Wal-Mart lost his first tooth? Or when Microsoft learned to ride a bike?

How about the excited looks on Exxon and IBM's faces Christmas morning as they raced down the stairs to open presents from Uncle Chevron and Aunt General Motors?

Were you there when Morgan Stanley took PepsiCo to the prom?

Of course not.

Corporations aren't people. They are not born.

Short of bankruptcy or buy-outs, they also do not die.

But the Supreme Court of the United States seems to think they are living beings; as such, they granted corporations the ability to give as much as they please to politicians for their campaigns in the case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

As Justice John Paul Stevens wrote in his dissent of the 5-4 decision, "The conceit that corporations must be treated identically to natural persons in the political sphere is not only inaccurate but also inadequate to justify the Court's disposition of this case."

These multi-billion dollar entities have been handed an unspeakable amount of power. Arguably, they already had it, but now it's completely legal and completely unfair.

Justice Stevens continued to write, "The legal structure of corporations allows them to amass and deploy financial resources on a scale few natural persons can match."

Say what you will about only liberals and pot-smoking hippies getting mad while the GOP literally throws themselves a grand ol' party in celebration. I'm not about to wave red or blue flags on this one. Everyone on both sides should be offended by the precedent that has been put in place.

Those who decide your rights and the future of your city, county, state and country can unashamedly be purchased to fit the agendas of big business. Voices will be silenced right and left as a corporate media Barbie assures you that everything's a-ok.

Supreme Court-approved bribery—strike one.

Back in 2007, this John Roberts-led crew of justices also decided to toss out the Fair Pay Act of 1963 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* When Lilly Ledbetter

discovered she was being paid less than the men around her doing the same work, she brought her case to court. Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the statute of limitations for filing suit is 180 days from uncovering wage discrimination. The Supreme Court denied her claim in a 5-4 decision, saying that the statute of limitations should be 180 days from negotiating pay or otherwise the first paycheck.

So to ensure one is paid just as much as everyone else, should a new employee go around to all his co-workers on his first day and ask how much everyone makes? Probably not the best impression to make with colleagues, especially when wage rates are often kept confidential.

Further food for thought: In 2007, when this case was decided, the U.S. Census Bureau reported the mean annual salary for men (of all races) was \$50,110 versus the mean earnings of women (of all races) being \$32,899.

After the case, Congress immediately drew up the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was signed into law in January of 2009 by President Obama. Superseding the Supreme Court's decision, the act restored the terms of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Weakening gender and racial

rights that many fought so very hard for — that's strike two, Justice Roberts.

Supreme Court justices, like Cabinet members, are officials who are not elected. The general population doesn't put them in these life-term seats — presidents do. Even when strike three rolls along, there's no umpire that can call this misguided batter out. Then again, Justice Roberts seems to think he's qualified to be the ump, as he so stated in his 2005 statement before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Judges are like umpires," he said. "Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them."

But the Supreme Court does set precedents, which in essence become the rules and guidelines for future decisions to be made in every United States court from here on out.

The only hope is that once again Congress will step in and reverse the precedent — a corporation-backed Congress, I might add.

It's an absolute shame the highest court in the land must be called into question.

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Super Bowl ad is hypocritical, crosses the line

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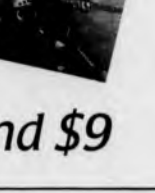
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"I usually work out at night since I have classes during the day and that's the only way I fit exercising into my schedule. You have to be motivated. If you're not, that's when it gets difficult."
— Sophomore Melissa Snively on keeping fit [see story, p. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

"If you could steal anything from the University, what would you steal?"



"The squirrels."
KAITLYNN SONI,
Sophomore,
Psychology



"A nice fountain pen."
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Geography

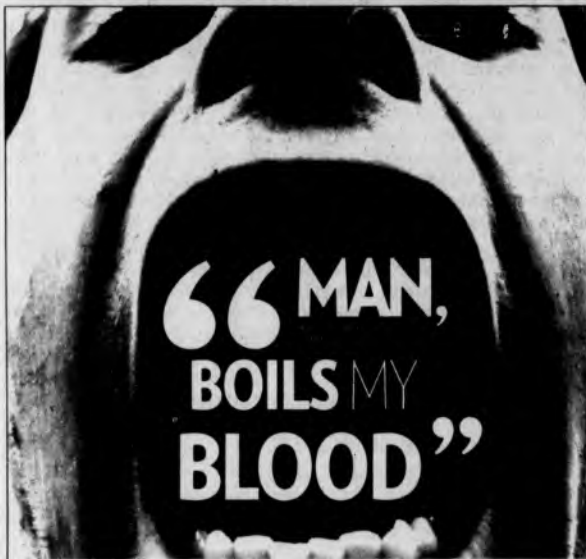


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Dear BGSU, I hate how employees leave their University vehicles idling outside buildings. I can't tell you how many times I've walked past an idling vehicle, wondering why I'm paying for that. It's bad for the environment as well. If I have to park my car a million miles away from campus and walk back later to a chilly car, why can't maintenance workers who park like two feet away from a building just turn off their vehicles? Why am I paying for trucks to sit and idle outside?
—IDLING AWAY

I love when I am in class and the girl sitting next to me is texting and chatting with friends on her laptop. I'm trying to learn, but all I can hear is the awful clicking noise coming from her stupid keyboard on her phone and laptop. She clearly is oblivious to the fact that everyone stares at her with the "Will you stop that?" look on their faces. ALSO, if you wear winter boots or ugly, overpriced Uggs when walking, stop dragging them on the ground. It's extremely annoying and you sound like a 5,000 pound elephant.
—BALTO

Would it kill the University to reset the clocks in Olscamp so they are no longer two minutes slow?
—WATCHMAN

Why is it that almost every night there is a Cavaliers game on I cannot find it on TV? Off campus they are on, but on campus they are not. Instead, the Blue Jackets are on. Why? There is no way that there are more Blue Jackets fans on campus than Cavaliers fans. Put the Cavs on!
—CAVALIERS FAN

Although this has been said before, it bears repeating. The computers in various buildings are not your personal computers. If someone is waiting for a computer, get the hell off Farmville. I'm talking to you, assthat in Olscamp on Wednesday with the blue Michigan hat. The world isn't going to end if you don't harvest your stupid fake crops.
—GET OFF FARMVILLE

Nothing is more frightening than those awful, shrill, robotic female voices that greet you at gas station pumps and self-checkout lines at the supermarket. "To begin, please scan your first item," she commands, as though I haven't done this a million times. "Please take your receipt. Thank you for shopping at Meijer," she says as sincerely as HAL 9000. I am a functional, capable human being and I don't need these evil machines. At least put a mute button on them so I don't feel like I'm living in some dystopian, Orwellian hellscape.
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Supreme Court's ruling on corporate donations is nothing more than court-approved bribery

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Do you remember when Wal-Mart lost his first tooth? Or when Microsoft learned to ride a bike?

How about the excited looks on Exxon and IBM's faces Christmas morning as they raced down the stairs to open presents from Uncle Chevron and Aunt General Motors?

Were you there when Morgan Stanley took PepsiCo to the prom?

Of course not. Corporations aren't people. They are not born.

Short of bankruptcy or buy-outs, they also do not die.

But the Supreme Court of the United States seems to think they are living beings; as such, they granted corporations the ability to give as much as they please to politicians for their campaigns in the case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

As Justice John Paul Stevens wrote in his dissent of the 5-4 decision, "The conceit that corporations must be treated identically to natural persons in the political sphere is not only inaccurate but also inadequate to justify the Court's disposition of this case."

These multi-billion dollar entities have been handed an unspeakable amount of power. Arguably, they already had it, but now it's completely legal and completely unfair.

Justice Stevens continued to write, "The legal structure of corporations allows them to amass and deploy financial resources on a scale few natural persons can match."

Say what you will about only liberals and pot-smoking hippies getting mad while the GOP literally throws themselves a grand ol' party in celebration. I'm not about to wave red or blue flags on this one. Everyone on both sides should be offended by the precedent that has been put in place.

Those who decide your rights and the future of your city, county, state and country can unashamedly be purchased to fit the agendas of big business. Voices will be silenced right and left as a corporate media Barbie assures you that everything's a-OK.

Supreme Court-approved bribery—strike one.

Back in 2007, this John Roberts-led crew of justices also decided to toss out the Fair Pay Act of 1963 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* When Lilly Ledbetter

discovered she was being paid less than the men around her doing the same work, she brought her case to court. Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the statute of limitations for filing suit is 180 days from uncovering wage discrimination. The Supreme Court denied her claim in a 5-4 decision, saying that the statute of limitations should be 180 days from negotiating pay or otherwise the first paycheck.

So to ensure one is paid just as much as everyone else, should a new employee go around to all his co-workers on his first day and ask how much everyone makes? Probably not the best impression to make with colleagues, especially when wage rates are often kept confidential.

Further food for thought: In 2007, when this case was decided, the U.S. Census Bureau reported the mean annual salary for men (of all races) was \$50,110 versus the mean earnings of women (of all races) being \$32,899.

After the case, Congress immediately drew up the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was signed into law in January of 2009 by President Obama. Superseding the Supreme Court's decision, the act restored the terms of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Weakening gender and racial

rights that many fought so very hard for — that's strike two, Justice Roberts.

Supreme Court justices, like Cabinet members, are officials who are not elected. The general population doesn't put them in these life-term seats — presidents do. Even when strike three rolls along, there's no umpire that can call this misguided batter out. Then again, Justice Roberts seems to think he's qualified to be the ump, as he so stated in his 2005 statement before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Judges are like umpires," he said. "Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them."

But the Supreme Court does set precedents, which in essence become the rules and guidelines for future decisions to be made in every United States court from here on out.

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Gessner and a fellow prosecutor, unfamiliar with the movie, needed to watch just the first few minutes of the film to get the gist of Brown's bragging.

"Mark Brown had a plan in his head that he wanted to go kill two people in a store, two store clerks, and went through and did it and did it in a manner that there was no sense to it at all," Gessner said in an interview.

Prosecutors asked to show the movie, or at least the opening, for the trial jury, but the judge refused. Still, jurors learned about the "Menace II Society" connection from police testimony.

"One witness stated that they had been watching that movie and they believe that's what had caused it," said Youngstown police Lt. David McKnight, who was a detective sergeant when he investigated the slayings.

McKnight believes the killings resulted from an inner rage that emerged from Brown, who was out with a friend drinking Valium-laced wine and smoking cigars that had been gouged out and refilled with marijuana.

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\$3M bond in Ohio church parking lot slaying

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — A judge in Ohio has set \$3 million bond for a suspect in the fatal shooting of an 80-year-old woman in church parking lot after Mass.

Municipal Court Judge Robert Milich set the bond yesterday for 18-year-old Jamar Houser of Youngstown on charges of aggravated murder and aggravated robbery. He faces another hearing next Monday.

No plea was entered. Court records do not reflect an attorney representing Houser.

Investigators say Angeline Fimognari (fihm-eh-NAHR-ee) was shot in the head in her car during a robbery Jan. 23 at St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church in Youngstown. Her purse was missing.

Ohio House Democrats propose redistricting plan

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Democrats who control the Ohio House have outlined a plan that they say will take partisan politics out of drawing up legislative districts.

State Rep. Tom Letson, a Democrat from Warren, introduced a bill yesterday that would create a five-member Apportionment Board to draw district maps in a way that would ensure competitive elections, instead of one party enjoying a lopsided advantage.

The Board would consist of retired judges. Two would be appointed by Republicans, two by Democrats and the final member would be selected by the other board members.

Ohio woman leaves W.Va. school nearly \$450,000

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Wheeling Jesuit University has received nearly \$450,000 from an Ohio woman who died in October 2008.

The gift from Virginia Murphy, formerly of Columbus, will fund academic scholarships in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Murphy grew up in Cincinnati and became a legal secretary before marrying attorney Joseph J. Murphy. The couple had no children.

The university announced the gift yesterday but did not explain how Murphy was connected to the West Virginia school.

The first awards from the Joseph J. and Virginia R. Murphy Scholarship Fund will be given during the 2010-2011 school year.

Couple in their 70s found dead outside Ohio home

FRANKLIN, Ohio (AP) — Coroner's officials in southwest Ohio say a 70-year-old woman found dead outside her home likely fell and died of a head injury and her 76-year-old husband found nearby likely died of a heart attack.

Both were found behind their home near the city of Franklin in below-freezing cold.

Warren County investigators suspect Dorothy Rudd hit her head when she fell in a deck area and that Melvin Rudd died after he went to help her. They say he had a history of heart trouble, and both had Alzheimer's disease symptoms.

Final autopsy results are not expected for several weeks.

College in Ohio remains open in face of threat

NELSONVILLE, Ohio (AP) — The head of an Ohio technical college says the school remains open for classes in the face of a threat that black students would be killed today.

President Ron Erickson says in a letter posted on the Hocking College Web site that the two-year college in southeast Ohio has responded to the threat with increased security measures, law enforcement officers and counselors.

A message threatening blacks and including today's date was found scrawled on a bathroom wall more than a week ago.

In his letter, addressed to "the campus and community" and dated Saturday, Erickson says every effort is being made to keep students, employees and visitors safe.

Ohio may have another livestock vote in November

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Animal rights groups are gearing up to ask Ohio voters to approve changes in how farm animals are housed.

The Humane Society of the United States is one of the groups gearing up to collect signatures to put the issue on the November ballot.

The measure they're proposing would require a new board overseeing livestock care to adopt minimum standards for housing farm animals.

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The List

With the BG men's basketball 58-47 win against Toledo last night, today we take a look at the top five performances from the game.

1. Thomas: Sophomore Scott Thomas had six rebounds and three steals while leading the Falcons with 14 points.

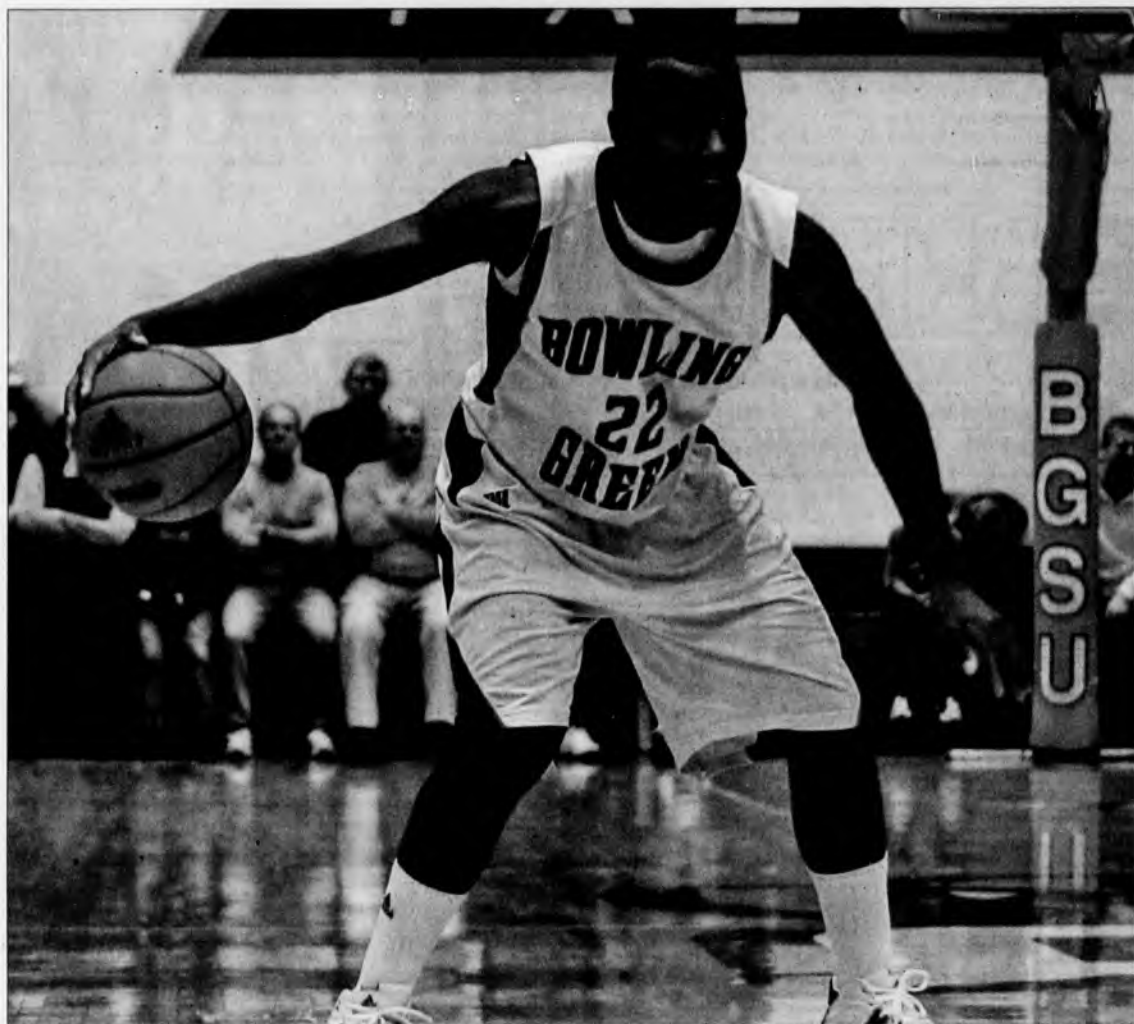
2. Marshall: Erik Marshall shot 6-of-9 from the floor, finishing with 12 points.

3. Brown: Dee Brown finished with 12 points on the night from 5-of-10 from the floor.

4. Polk: Otis Polk shot 4-of-6 from the floor for 10 points.

5. Anyijong: Toledo's Justin Anyijong posted a game-high 18 points, shooting 7-of-12 from the floor. Anyijong connected on 4-of-5 shots from behind the arc and grabbed five rebounds.

Falcons ground Rockets



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DRIBBLE: Dee Brown looks to create some offense in the Falcons' 58-47 win against the Rockets. Brown finished with 12 points on the night.

BG dominates paint in win against UT

By Andrew Harner
Senior Reporter

Toledo's men's basketball team has lost 12 straight games and only has three wins this season.

But those records were irrelevant last night as BG never trailed in beating their archrivals 58-47 in Anderson Arena.

"You can throw records out the window in games like this," said BG coach Louis Orr. "These types of games can make a team's season. This is a dangerous game because of the rivalry."

Getting the win was important for more reasons than beating the school north on Interstate-75 though, as the Falcons were looking to bounce back after Saturday's 64-52 loss to Central Michigan.

BG's win also keeps the Falcons (11-9, 4-4 Mid-American Conference) two games out of first place in the

MAC East Division, after Kent State pushed their record to 6-2 with a win against Northern Illinois last night.

"[We] always need a win," said sophomore Scott Thomas, who had a game-high 14 points. "The MAC's so close that no matter who you play you need a win."

The Falcons had first-hand experience with that philosophy last season, as they ended the season tied with Buffalo for the MAC's best record.

To continue winning this season, Orr looks to his team to start games well, and last night was no exception, as BG opened a 10-1 lead five minutes into the game behind scores from four different players — Thomas, along with seniors Otis Polk and Erik Marshall and sophomore Dee Brown.

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Notes: Thomas sparks scoring run

By Andrew Harner
Senior Reporter

The Falcons did not make a 3-point shot in the first half against Toledo last night.

Otis Polk and Erik Marshall helped the team score 18 points in the paint during the first half, so BG wasn't worried about making 3-pointers.

But at the onset of the second half, the Falcons scored three quick 3-pointers during an 11-4 run, which effectively sealed the 58-47 win for BG.

Sophomore Scott Thomas scored eight points during the half's first 3:06, helping BG mount a 13-point lead.

"If you can score, hit threes and get stops at the other end, that's where you get separation," said BG coach Louis Orr. "And I thought that was the difference in the game."

Thomas would only score

two more points the rest of the game, but what he brought during that run was just what Orr wanted.

"Coach talked about coming out with energy," Thomas said.

The Rockets came out with the opposite and a flabbergasted Toledo coach Gene Cross said he didn't know why his team came out so flat despite what was at stake in the rivalry game.

Toledo trailed by six at the half even though they only shot 35 percent from the field in the first half, which should have served as motivation for his squad.

"I have no idea why," Cross said. "We talked about what we were doing wrong. I have no idea why we came out."

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Falcon women look to bounce back at home against Northern Illinois

By Sean Shapiro
Sports Editor

After losing to archrival Toledo 66-63 on Saturday, the BG women's basketball team returns home to host Northern Illinois this evening.

In BG's loss to Toledo, they only scored three points over the final 6:05 of the game, scoring on 1-of-11 possessions.

After the loss, coach Curt Miller planned on watching tape from the game's final 11 possessions to see what mistakes were made.

"Haven't brought myself to watch yet, but we spent about three or four minutes before yesterday's practice kind of putting that whole game to bed," Miller said.

While Miller hasn't watched

the film from the loss, he has watched eight of Northern Illinois' games, and is expecting a tough game from the Huskies.

"It's a dangerous game on a short turnaround," Miller said. "In seven of their eight games against Mid-American Conference competition, Northern has led at significant moments, so despite their record, in most of their games this year, they've had a chance."

A match-up problem for the Falcons in the game is that the Huskies have a small lineup that forces some of BG's post players to guard quicker players.

The Huskies could also receive a boost by the return of Ebony Ellis, who could make her first

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COURT LEADER: Tracy Pontius runs the offense in a game earlier this season.

Fans love the star athlete



BEN TRUMPOWER
SPORTS
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By Ben Trumpower
Sports Reporter

As sports writers, we do our best to write about something unique, but often, the unique becomes something you've heard more times than you can even count.

We aim to give our audience what they want and, knowing that we only have a brief second to capture your attention, we write about stars.

In the absence of stars, we look for something different that stands out. We look for the opportunity to make a star.

Perhaps it's the society in which we live. Maybe the sports media, myself included, are to blame.

No matter what the reason, the casual fan loves stars.

Think back to last semester. Freddie Barnes' name dominated news headlines and Facebook statuses as he racked up the type of numbers you only see in video games. Barnes was a star, and we loved it.

Jordan Samuels-Thomas, the guy whose dreadlocks hang out of his helmet, is on his way to becoming more than just the guy with the wild hair. Last weekend, Samuels-Thomas came up huge with a goal in the third round of the Falcons' shoot-out victory.

The next night, the freshman winger scored the game winner on a breakaway with about five minutes to go in the game.

Heading into the showdown with Michigan this week, Samuels-Thomas leads the team with nine goals and 21 points. He is also second on the team with 12 assists.

Samuels-Thomas' potential star power has not gone unnoticed.

Last June, Samuels-Thomas was drafted in the 7th round of the National Hockey League's Entry Draft by the Atlanta Thrashers. JST hasn't disappointed since arriving on campus.

Last month, the freshman was named to the Hobey Baker fan vote list, along with 67 other players from around the country. The award is given at the end of each season to the one who is determined to be the best player in college hockey.

Maybe the success has something to do with the name "Thomas," because fellow Falcon Scott Thomas is making quite the impression

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SPORTS BRIEF



Football player cited for underage under the influence

Football player Alex Bayer, 19, of Pickerington, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence of alcohol at 1:03 a.m. on Sunday within the 100th block of Enterprise St.

Bayer, a freshman tight end, red-shirted for the Falcons during the 2009 season.

A 2009 graduate of Pickerington North High School, Bayer holds six school records, including 50 receptions for 625 yards and two touchdowns his senior season.

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"This was a game where it was important for us to get off to a good start and play with a lot of intensity and emotion," Orr said. His philosophy proved true, as the Rockets slowly chipped away, closing the gap to one point three minutes later.

The Falcons didn't lose confidence though, outscoring Toledo 14-9 in the last 12 minutes to hold a 26-20 advantage at halftime on the strength of sharp shooting and stifling defense, which held Toledo to 7-of-20 shooting (35 percent).

BG's offense was 11-of-18 (61.1 percent) from the floor, but they did not make any 3-pointers. Eighteen of their first-half points were scored in the paint.

The Falcons started the second half on a 13-6 run, aided by the first three Falcon 3-pointers of the game, which pushed their lead to 11 points.

"The first four minutes was probably the key to the game," said Toledo coach Gene Cross. "We were never able to recover from there."

Thomas had eight of those 13 points, including two 3-pointers that brought the home crowd of 2,042 to their feet. He has

shown the ability to hit shots in clutch situations during his brief year and a half career, and that is why Orr is excited to have him around two and a half more seasons.

"He's a guy you see growing up before your eyes," Orr said. "He wants to be a great player."

But even great players can't do it all, and that showed after senior forward Erik Marschall hit a jumper with 15:14 left in the game because the Falcon offense was stalled for the next five minutes.

The Rockets (3-19, 0-8 MAC) did not take advantage though, scoring just four points during BG's drought. Toledo continued to struggle throughout the second half, scoring 27 points on 12-of-25 shooting (48 percent).

Toledo has scored fewer than 50 points in six of their eight conference games, and their output last night was their fourth-worst of the season, which has seen them average a MAC-worst 55.5 points per game.

It was BG's third best defensive scoring effort of the season. They allow 63.7 points per game, which is fourth best in the MAC.

The Falcons will travel to Ball State on Thursday at 7 p.m. to face the MAC's No. 1 defense (60.5 points allowed per game).

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appearance since suffering an injury earlier this season.

"They've missed one of the MAC's best post players for all eight of their games and her scheduled return is rumored to be for our game," Miller said. "So you have to take into consideration that Ebony Ellis, an all-conference performer, could be back."

Prior to her injury, Ellis was one of three MAC players to average a double-double, putting up 13.4 points and grabbing 10.4 rebounds per game.

This season the Huskies have failed to reach the same level of success they had in 2008-09 when they went 10-6 in MAC play, as they've put together a 8-12, 2-6 MAC record this season.

The Falcons have continued their usual strong play, posting a

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Curt Miller | Head Coach

17-5, 7-1 MAC record, winning eight straight before their loss to Toledo.

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DRIVE: Lauren Prochaska splits Buffalo's defense earlier this season.

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WIN: Jordan Samuels-Thomas scores a game-winning goal against Western Michigan

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on the hardwood, averaging 11.8 points per game and 5.9 rebounds per game.

The sophomore currently leads the men's basketball team in points and minutes. He is also second on the team in rebounds, assists and steals.

Similar to Samuels-Thomas, Scott Thomas came to BG with an impressive resume.

He didn't get off to quite the same start, but he managed to earn the 2008-09 Mr. Hustle Award for the Falcon hoops team.

This season, Thomas has made the most of his increased playing time.

In January, Thomas was named the Papa John's Athlete of the Week for his efforts against Buffalo and Kent State. He averaged 24 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, shooting 58 percent from the floor.

Jordan Samuels-Thomas and Scott Thomas have as much upside as any athletes to come through Bowling Green in a long time.

In a society that is addicted to stars, they have an opportunity to join elite company.

Over the next couple years, these two men will make their case as to why they belong in the same conversation as Rob Blake, Antonio Daniels, Orel Hersher, Omar Jacobs, Derek Whitmore and other Falcon greats.

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The Falcons did a good job of protecting the ball in last night's game, only losing a season-low eight turnovers, which led to just three Toledo points.

BG starters also kept themselves protected, as the team committed a season-low seven fouls in the game, allowing Orr to keep those players on the court longer than expected.

The Falcons will host Valparaiso for an ESPN BracketBusters game on Feb. 20.

The BracketBusters are a series of games in late February that allow schools in mid-major conferences to be showcased nationally before the NCAA Tournament in March. BG is 4-3 all-time in BracketBuster games.

Valparaiso is 11-12 on the season and 5-6 in Horizon League play. The Crusaders faced teams ranked in the top six three times during their non-conference schedule.

To fill their obligation to the BracketBuster series, the Falcons will play at Valparaiso during the 2010-11 season. BG has gone 6-1 in BracketBuster return games.

Last night's game likely marked the final time the Falcons and Rockets face off in Anderson Arena.

Because the teams only meet once per year and rotate host sites, the Rockets won't return to Bowling Green until 2012, by which time the Stroh Center is scheduled to be open.

BG football coach Dave Clawson was spotted in the Falcon Club area among several football season ticket holders during last night's game.



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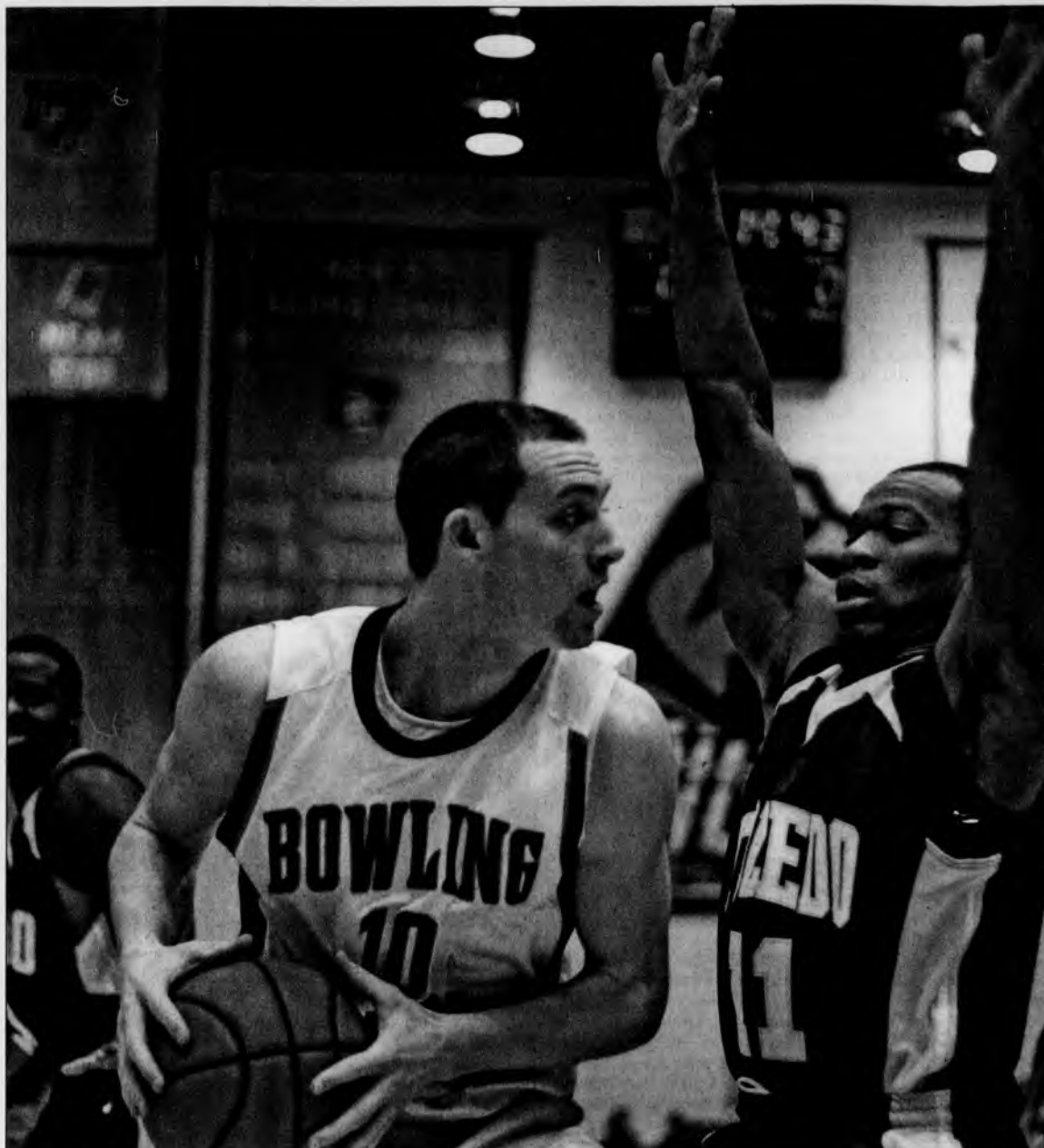
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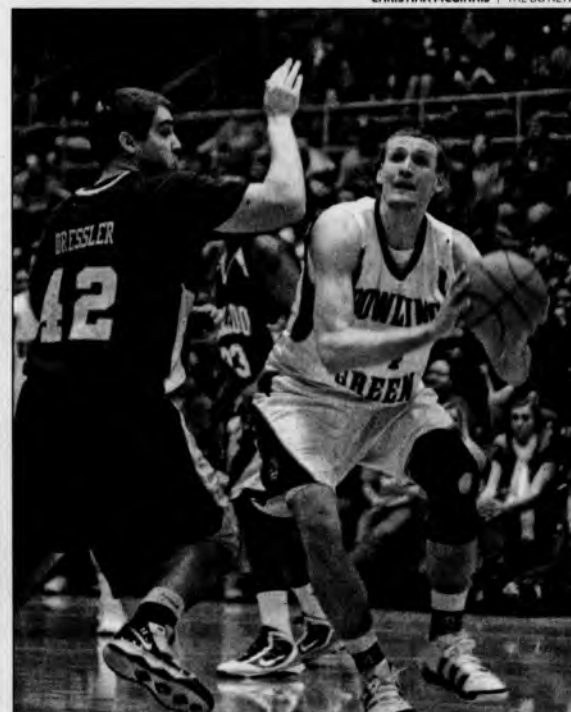


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CLOCKWISE, FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Dee Brown shoots over a Toledo defender. Brown finished with 12 points on 5-of-10 shooting; Otis Polk drives inside the painted area. The senior center posted 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting; Scott Thomas looks to create some offense as he is met by a Toledo defender. Thomas led the Falcons with 14 points; Senior Erik Marshall looks to put up a shot as UT freshman Jordan Dressler contests. Marshall had another solid outing, finishing with 12 points on 6-of-9 from the floor.



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Obama tries again to cut cleanup money for mines

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants to save \$115 million this year — and \$1.2 billion over 10 years — by eliminating payments to states and Indian tribes that have completed cleanup of abandoned coal mines.

Obama calls the proposal common sense: Why pay states to clean up mines that have already been cleaned up?

But eliminating the program may not be so easy. Obama tried the same thing last year and was rebuffed.

Lawmakers from mining states say the money is needed to create jobs and to clean up other mines, including hard rock mines, that continue to pose a danger.

Democratic Sen. Max Baucus of Montana says the proposal is a bad idea in the midst of a recession. He and five other lawmakers from both parties vow to keep the program.

La. senator to stop blocking Obama nominees

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana says he'll stop blocking President Barack Obama's nominees to be federal prosecutors and judges in his state.

The Republican had been refusing to sign off on the nominations because he wanted assurances the White House wouldn't get rid of U.S. Attorney Jim Letten in the Eastern District, based in New Orleans.

Vitter says he's now confident Letten will remain in the post and he will remove his objections to the other appointments.

Vitter says he has that confidence because U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday named Letten to a committee that advises the attorney general on policy, management and operational issues.

Carbon monoxide sickens several in Philly dorm

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Officials have closed a high-rise dormitory in downtown Philadelphia in a carbon monoxide scare that sickened several students and sent at least two to a hospital.

Several hundred students at the Art Institute of Philadelphia were forced from the 14-story building before dawn yesterday after carbon monoxide detectors went off. The dorm is home to about 550 students.

School spokeswoman Carise Mitch says about a half-dozen students complained of illness after the evacuation. Two went to hospitals and were later released.

The city ordered the building closed until the source of the gas is found. That could take several days. Mitch says the students will be housed at hotels in the meantime.

Two restaurants on the ground floor are also shut down.

Treasury expects to borrow \$392B in 1st quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department says it expects to borrow \$392 billion in the current quarter to finance the largest annual budget deficit in history.

The projection is \$86 billion lower than the estimate the department issued in November, when it expected to borrow \$478 billion. The improvement is largely due to higher-than-expected repayments of about \$90 billion in bailout funds by large banks.

The department also says it borrowed \$260 billion in last year's fourth quarter, below an earlier estimate of \$276 billion. Treasury expects to borrow \$268 billion in the second quarter of this year.

The projections come the same day that President Barack Obama issued a \$3.83 trillion budget that forecast a record \$1.56 trillion deficit, an increase from the \$1.42 trillion deficit in the 2009 budget year.

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DOJ probing alleged Blackwater payments

By Matt Apuzzo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating whether security contractor Blackwater Worldwide tried to bribe Iraqi officials to allow the company to keep working there after a fatal shooting involving Blackwater guards, according to a person close to the investigation.

The investigation in Raleigh, N.C., follows a November report by the New York Times that said executives at the North Carolina-based company authorized about \$1 million in payments to Iraqi

officials in 2007. Blackwater had been the source of tremendous anti-American sentiment in Iraq following the deadly shooting of 17 Iraqis in a crowded intersection.

A person close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case, said the Justice Department's Fraud Section is working with federal prosecutors in North Carolina to investigate whether Blackwater, now known as Xe Services, violated U.S. laws prohibiting bribery of foreign officials.

The Times first reported the

existence of the investigation yesterday.

Justice Department spokeswoman Laura Sweeney declined to comment. There was no immediate comment from the company.

In November, the newspaper cited unnamed sources saying Blackwater's then-president, Gary Jackson, approved the payments. The Times' sources said Blackwater vice chairman Cofer Black, a former top CIA and State Department official, learned of the plan while in Baghdad discussing compensation with U.S. Embassy officials and confronted company CEO Erik Prince.

But Black himself has

denied the account. He told the Associated Press that Blackwater was directed "to provide some financial compensation to relatives of those Iraqi victims." He said he never confronted Prince or anyone else at Blackwater and was unaware of any plot to bribe Iraqi officials.

Similarly, Iraqi lawyer Jaafar al-Mousawi told the Times that he worked with top Blackwater officials to spend up to \$1 million to compensate the families of victims. He said that he was unaware of any bribery efforts and believed that news reports misinterpreted the victim

compensation as bribes.

The Times said yesterday that present and former officials agreed to talk to the paper only on grounds their identities not be publicly divulged. The activities of the company then-known as Blackwater have remained under scrutiny in the years since the shootings in Baghdad's Nisour Square.

Last week, Vice President Joe Biden, during a visit to Iraq, announced that the Obama administration will appeal a federal court decision in the United States that dismissed

manslaughter charges against five guards who worked for Blackwater Worldwide.

His announcement came after a meeting in Baghdad with President Jalal Talabani.

The U.S. government initially turned aside Iraqi demands that the American contract employees face trial in the Iraqi court system. But after a lengthy investigation in this country, U.S. prosecutors did decide to charge five of the contractors with manslaughter, and they accepted a guilty plea from a sixth defendant.

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ENGLISH

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successful.

International students are evaluated when they first arrive and students who need additional support are placed in ESL classes. The classes are divided into levels 0 to 900 with 900 as "efficient in English." International students must complete the 900 level course before they can be enrolled in any university.

"The United States is able to provide a good, quality education," said Majed Aldalbahi, who first heard about the program from a friend. Aldalbahi is from Saudi Arabia and is just starting his final course with BGLI. He can begin taking classes with the University towards a masters degree in economics in the summer.

"It's global," Aldalbahi said. "English is like the mother-tongue of the world. You use English for anything in your life. You can get more education in English because most scientists speak in English and all the research and books are written in English."

The international students are not the only ones who are not on the same language level. Buckingham graduated with a degree in Spanish, but most of his students are Saudi-Arabian and he speaks no Arabic.

"The program is immersion based," Spike said. "All stu-

dents, whether they are Saudi-Arabian, Chinese, Japanese or Dutch, are in the same classroom. They are all here working on degrees so they already have proficient skills."

Buckingham also says knowing other languages does not make a difference when teaching because being completely immersed in English helps students learn faster.

"When I first started I thought it was going to be easy because I already know English," Buckingham said, "but it's difficult to communicate, especially in the lower levels. You can try to reword stuff or do it a different way. You can always get your meaning across."

Spike said each of the instructors speaks a second language and many have their master's degrees in teaching English as a second language.

The curriculum is also entirely in English and is written by faculty at the University.

"The curriculum is an ongoing project," said Spike. "The faculty has been fairly constant over the years so they can collaborate with the English Department, the departments that the international students are in and the graduate students to create exercises and field activities for students."

Each session of classes lasts for a month, followed by a four-day break.

"The non-stop learning helps improve skills very quickly," said Aldalbahi. "It's better for

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Majed Aldalbahi | BGLI Student

teachers to not know Arabic for beginners so they won't speak Arabic at all."

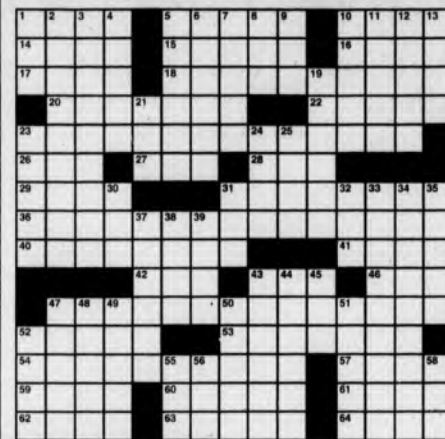
Aldalbahi also described the progression of levels. Students begin learning about grammar, writing, speaking and taking lecture notes. Once students reach the 800 level, they begin learning about culture, business and slang. One of the requirements to pass the program is to write a research paper.

Aldalbahi also said the small class sizes, usually seven to ten students, help in learning quickly.

"The environment is the main factor," he said. "If you don't have a good environment, good teachers, good materials, or if you are not interested, you won't learn very fast. Smaller classes make it easier to cover everything, and I take the prize for asking the most questions."

Spike said there are about 800 to 900 international students at the University and during the last calendar year, there were about 450 students in the program, which includes undergraduate and graduate students.

The Daily Crossword Fix



ACROSS

- 1 Mil. awards
- 5 Pro's employee
- 10 Keyboardist Hess
- 14 Colorful deepwater fish
- 15 Sylvester's "Rocky" co-star
- 16 Like The Citadel, today
- 17 High-tech unit
- 18 Cool body shop specialist?
- 20 Destructive spree
- 22 Perrier rival
- 23 Apple shipping vehicles?
- 26 Ottoman officer
- 27 E-mail endings, at times
- 28 Staff
- 29 Inexperienced one
- 31 Coffee-flavored liqueur
- 36 Like overcrowded medical clinics?
- 40 Toot consequence
- 41 Car with a bar
- 42 --80: old RadioShack computer
- 43 Lee side: Abbr.
- 46 Palindromic diarist
- 47 Short, fat pen filler?

- 1 Baseball card stat
- 2 Pop-jazz band named for an algae genus
- 3 Twin-hulled boat
- 4 Curly's predecessor and successor
- 5 Turns to swing
- 6 Measuring instruments
- 7 Cartoon hunter
- 8 Snort
- 9 Bo
- 10 Early 15th century year
- 11 Dealer's query
- 12 a beet
- 13 City SSE of Sana'a
- 19 Text file with program instructions
- 21 tent
- 23 Call during a toss
- 24 The Supremes, e.g.
- 25 Engine sound
- 30 Texter's "Yikes!"
- 31 Mil. request
- 32 Rose of rock
- 33 Result of an ump's decision, maybe
- 34 Come to a new land
- 35 Together
- 37 Crusty entrée
- 38 "Climb ___ Mountain": "The Sound of Music" song

- 52 Important peninsula in the Six-Day War, 1967
- 53 Pursue
- 54 Laundry security device?
- 57 Much more than tickle
- 59 "The ___ lama, he's a priest ...": Nash
- 60 Arigato : Japan :: ___ : Germany
- 61 Pal
- 62 Evening spread?
- 63 Hardly a miniature gulf
- 64 Regards

ANSWERS



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Off-Campus Senator Scott Bilbrey.

"The contract with Time Warner Cable ends in August 2011," Bilbrey said. "This is going to affect BG in that this is the cable service that is provided on campus."

Bilbrey said Channel 6, which is provided by Time Warner

Cable and the channel BG24 uses, will no longer be available once the contract expires.

"If we lose the contract with Time Warner Cable, we lose the station that BG24 uses, as well as other academic resources," said Bilbrey. "ITS is looking into alternatives to renewing the contract with Time Warner Cable. The attention as of right now, is finding a new cable outlet, such as AT&T or Buckeye Cable, or for BGSU to create

their own cable outlet."

However, Bilbrey said even if the University goes through a new cable outlet or creates its own, "we will lose Channel 6 and the academic portion of the broadcast."

Bilbrey said the University feels like it is important to continue this academic broadcast outlet because it is an important teaching tool as well as a good way to reach out to the community.

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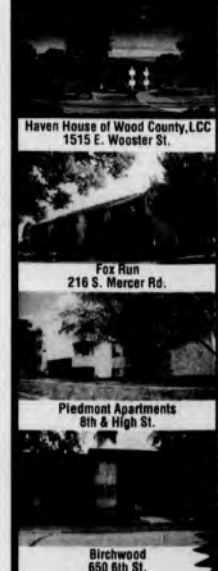
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